

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3875
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2000
EXPULSION OF INDIAN HIGH COMMISSION OFFICIAL BY PAKISTAN
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Pakistan expelled an official of Indian High Commission in August, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that Indian staffers in Pakistan are not put to unnecessary harassment?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS(SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 26.8.2000, the Government of Pakistan asked for the withdrawal of Shri P.C. Dey, an official of the Indian High Commission in Islamabad on the baseless allegation that he was involved in activities incompatible with his official status.

(c) The expulsion of the personnel of our Mission in Islamabad on false and baseless allegations is contrary to all accepted norms of conduct towards accredited Mission personnel. Government have strongly condemned these incidents and asked Pakistan to abide by the bilateral Code of Conduct for Treatment of Diplomatic/consular Personnel in India and Pakistan and the international conventions relating to treatment of Mission personnel. Government are committed to taking all necessary measures to ensure that Indian staffers in Pakistan are not harassed.